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WASHINGTON, June 30, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 25 totaled 19.4 billion ton-miles, up 4.3 percent from the 18.6 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 476.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 8.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended June 25 totaled 438,668, up 3.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.8 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 0.1 percent in the East, and up 7.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 5,679 cars (35.4 percent); motor vehicles and equipment were up 4,280 cars (24.0 percent); and metals and products showed a gain of 1,509 cars (16.8 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended June 18 totaled 112,273 trailers and/or containers, up 5.0 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 2,593,760 trailers and/or containers, up 5.3 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/25/88:

	Loadings in Week ended June 25, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,550	D	138	0.4	I	993	3.0
Other farm products	3,757	D	626	14.3	I	35	0.9
Metallic ores	21,717	I	5,679	35.4	I	1,550	7.7
Coal	119,677	D	917	0.8	I	934	0.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,551	I	2,443	14.3	I	796	4.2
Nonmetallic minerals	9,818	D	214	2.1	D	211	2.1
Grain mill products	10,298	D	530	4.9	D	638	5.8
Food and kindred products	11,010	I	347	3.3	I	6	0.1
Primary forest products	9,665	D	980	9.2	D	583	5.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,112	D	1,140	12.3	D	68	0.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,635	D	371	2.9	I	241	1.9
Chemicals and allied products	26,884	I	771	3.0	D	429	1.6
Petroleum products	5,647	I	665	13.3	I	277	5.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,606	I	959	9.0	D	109	0.9
Coke	5,733	I	154	2.8	I	32	0.6
Metals and products	10,502	I	1,509	16.8	I	263	2.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,120	I	4,280	24.0	D	170	0.8
Waste and scrap materials	9,007	I	626	7.5	D	716	7.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,444	D	327	11.8	D	48	1.9
All other carloads	83,935	I	1,912	2.3	I	1,360	1.6
Total Cars Loaded	438,668	I	14,102	3.3	I	3,515	0.8
Corresponding week of 1987	424,566						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	10,550,682	9,961,874 r	I 5.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
24 weeks ended June 18	456.9	421.9	I 8.3
Week ended June 25	19.4	18.6	I 4.3
25 Weeks cumulative	476.3	440.5	I 8.1

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